

THE FAYETTE COUNTY GAS WELLS

A Story of Peter Porter, Privateer
BY HENRY M. HYDE.



"Peter Porter Stood Close to One of the Windows, Looking Out Over the Black Chaos of Roofs to the Lake."

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The elevator took straight upward for 200 feet. It stopped at the seventh story to let off a little fat man, with a red face. He stopped short, breathing heavily, and looked about suspiciously. Before him a white marble runway stretched down one side of the building. At the far end was a door marked, in small letters, with "Peter Porter—Real Estate." The rows of doors on either side of the hall were all closed. The air of the place was lonely, remote and formidable. Six thousand feet up, most of their working hours in the little steel cases and coops under the roof of that skyscraper. Yet the solitary hunter, living in a log shack thirty miles from the nearest settler, might be no more out of the common than the occupant of one of these offices.

Alone in the big inside room on the corner, Peter Porter stood close to one of the windows with face eastward, looking out over the black chaos of roofs to the lake. He was rocking back and forth from heels to toes, his hands in his trouser's pockets, his head sunk between his broad shoulders.

His old colored man brought in a card from the anteroom. It was an impressive piece of pasteboard:

JOHN G. TOMLINSON,
President,
The Citizens Gas Company,
Metropolis, Kentucky.

Peter Porter took the card with a curious straightening of his neck and a projecting forward of his beak-like profile.

"Two o'clock tomorrow afternoon," he said shortly. Then he laid the card on his desk, thrust his hands back into his pockets and went on rocking endlessly back and forth.

"Mustn't forget to see yuh at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon," the negro told the little fat man who was waiting in the outer office.

That wasn't treatment Tomlinson was used to and he didn't like it. After traveling up from Metropolis to Chicago to see Peter Porter he didn't enjoy being put off in this way. Little purple blotches came against the deep red of his face. He started to growl an angry objection, then thought better of it and stopped. Since the president fight began he had run up against a good many unusual things. And he knew his present situation was desperate. If he couldn't enlist Peter Porter on his side of the battle it was almost hopeless. The stakes were too big to allow him to give much weight to personal pique and chagrin. And Tomlinson was, first of all, a shrewd business man.

NEW MASONIC TEMPLE FORMALLY OPENED TODAY

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Meetings were held and rites performed. When the Rocky Mountain lodge No. 26 (as the new organization was known) met, soldier-Masons and Mason-soldiers kept guard around the temple to keep away eavesdroppers. The first officers of this lodge were: Master, Captain Robinson; senior warden, Sergeant Henry W. Tracy; junior warden, C. L. Stevenson; secretary, Benjamin Wingate. The lodge jewels were wrought out of iron by the camp blacksmith. Far from the border lines of civilization these pioneer Masons had little regalia. The master sat in his chair clad in his soldier's costume. Sincerity and appreciation of a long-faded took the place of regalia and lent solemnity and dignity to these first sessions.

Jewels Still Preserved.

When the civil war broke out, Utah's first Masonic lodge died a natural death. The army was called east and the Rocky Mountain lodge No. 265 went east with the army. There it divided, its members scattering in all directions. The lodge from jewels wrought by the blacksmith of Camp Floyd for use in services are now in possession of Damascus lodge No. 10 of Mt. Pleasant. They will be presented to the grand lodge of Utah at some future date and kept in the Salt Lake lodge rooms as souvenirs of the birth of Masonry in Utah.

Mount Moriah was the second lodge organized in Utah. This was established in Salt Lake City, April 5, 1868. A dispensation received from Nevada was afterward recalled. Of the charter members of Mount Moriah but two are living today. They are Louis Cohn and Charles Popper, both residents of Salt Lake. The third lodge was established Nov. 20, 1872. This was called the Wasatch lodge, and received its charter from Montana. Not a charter member of Wasatch lodge is living today.

In the meantime, Mount Moriah secured a dispensation from Kansas and held its first meeting under this Dec. 18, 1872. Argenta lodge (now No. 3) was established May 9, 1871. Martin K. Harkness of Salt Lake is the only living charter member of the original Argenta branch.

Grand Lodge Established.

As it is necessary to have three lodges in a state to obtain a charter for a grand lodge, Utah Masons were now in a position to organize one. This was done. The first grand master was O. P. Strickland (deceased), its grand secretary Joseph F. Nounman (now a resident of San Francisco), and its first assistant grand secretary Christopher Diehl of Salt Lake. R. H. Robertson was

"All right," he said, and went out. The first glance at his visitor's card had given Peter Porter a fairly clear idea of what was wanted. The Chicago papers had noticed the great fight between the Citizens' Gas company, which had for twenty years absolutely controlled the Metropolis field, and a new company, which had secured a franchise, laid mains and pipes and promised largely to cut down the price of gas to consumers. That evening the business privateer read in one of his carefully kept scrap books the detailed story of the struggle so far as it had been printed. As a veteran in such campaigns between big corporations it was easy for him to read between the lines and supply what was missing. It was really a very interesting and complicated fight. The Citizens' company was capitalized for \$200,000, and the profits it had at stake were enormous. Peter Porter felt that an independent command in such a struggle might well weigh with him.

At 2 o'clock the next afternoon Tomlinson came back. His first glance around the bareness of Peter Porter's big office was not convincing. It did not seem possible that a man who worked with so few tools could be so formidable. But he remembered what Hooper had told him about Porter's queer ways, and tried not to look surprised.

Peter Porter was leaning forward over his desk as Tomlinson came in. His chin rested on his right hand and a long forefinger lay alongside his arching nose.

"So Hoefeld told you out, eh?" he said.

The gas president was startled. How did this man come by that bit of undeveloped information? It was a sore point with him. But there was no use in denying it.

"Yes, the dirty dog, that's just what he did," Tomlinson declared. And then, as he thought of the alderman's perfidy and the memory of his own wrongs and losses grew strong again, he went on hotly.

"For five years that Dutchman was on our payrolls, drawing his thousand a month. Why, treated him like a brother. Porter. He was chairman of the committee on franchises, and it was his business to bury everything that was calculated to make us any trouble. Eighteen months ago the Public Gas company franchise was introduced in the council. It

Hoefeld's committee, and there it slept. We thought it was out of the way for good and all. And didn't we have a fight to think so? Then one day, Hoefeld—the snake—came down to our office and held us up for an extra thousand. That same evening he called up the Public Gas ordinance for pas-

later elected grand master, and Mr. Diehl selected grand secretary. In position he has held continuously ever since. In 1872 there were 122 Master Masons in Utah. The fourth lodge was established in Provo Feb. 16, 1872. This was known as the Story lodge, and comprised nine members. Next came Corinne lodge No. 10, organized Oct. 15, in the same year, with a membership of thirty-five. Weber lodge No. 6 was established in Ogden Nov. 27, 1874, with eleven members. This lodge is now the largest in the jurisdiction of Utah, having over 300 Masons.

Other Lodges Organized.

Utah lodge No. 7 was established in Park City Nov. 24, 1880 with seventeen charter members. This lodge now has 100 members. St. John's lodge No. 8 was established in Provo, receiving its charter in 1888. This lodge, during four or five years of mining activity in that district, was strong in the character of its residents. St. John's lodge charter was rescinded.

Jan. 18, 1893, is the date of Tintic lodge's birth. This originally comprised twelve residents of Eureka. It now numbers 100 members. St. John's lodge No. 10 of Mt. Pleasant, Damascus lodge No. 19 of 21, 1896. From eight charter members it has grown into a lodge numbering a half-hundred Master Masons. Rocky Mountain No. 11 was chartered Jan. 16, 1900. Its original membership was twenty. Its present membership numbers forty-five.

The baby lodge—a growing and husky little youngster—is Hiram lodge No. 12, established in Richfield Jan. 19, 1904. This lodge has thirty-one members, an increase of twenty members over its charter roll.

This brief sketch shows how steady the growth of Masonry in Utah has been during the past half century. From pioneer Rocky Mountain No. 1, with forty members, the order has grown into a thing of might. Eleven lodges now exist in Utah, with a total of 1,382 Master Masons. The soldiers in Johnston's army had no regalia and no treasury. Utah's Masons have \$27,520 in their treasury, and the value of lodge property last January was \$23,000.

Since that date this figure has increased. The new temple just completed is the result of the contributions of the value of lodge property considerably. There has been nothing flimsy or startling in the growth of Masonry in Utah. Great bodies move slowly. Masonry takes under her shield only the cream of the land.

Library Is Instituted.

A history of Masonry in Utah without mention of the library instituted by Utah Masons would be but half a history, no matter how brief. Judge C. W. Bennett, who was killed by a street car in Salt Lake a few days ago, was grand master in 1875. It was at this time the library was receiving its first books, contributions and donations of lodge members. In an address in 1875 Judge Bennett told

the purpose and mission of the library in larger, yet generalized terms. He said: "At present most of our books treat of Masonic subjects, and it would be hard to find a more complete collection." He said: "An extension of the library will soon make the library embrace books of science and general letters with history, biography and literature. If you will take the scheme to your good Masonic hearts and foster it, I can foresee that the time will be among us, far from the sacred influences of happy homes, seeking fortunes in our Rocky Mountain treasure vaults, and our own young men who are liable to the thousand temptations of the frontier life may be shielded from evil by the kindly influence which our library may offer them. But should you think this, my vision, too highly tinted with the rosy haze, you will agree that every Mason should industriously store his mind with useful knowledge and that, so far as we can, encourage all to do so and render all the aid in our power to that end."

Through Judge Bennett's speech for a larger, more generalized library the five Masonic bodies then existing in Salt Lake—the chapter, commandery and three lodges already mentioned—made unusual efforts to increase the number of books in their collection. A committee, comprising Judge Frank Tilford (deceased), Colonel Samuel Kahn, also deceased, and Judge C. W. Bennett, was appointed to collect books or subscriptions. In a short time \$2,500 had been raised and many books were secured.

City Receives 8,000 Books.
On the first day of September, 1877, the library was opened to the public by Christopher Diehl, who had been appointed librarian. The collection comprised 178 books on various subjects, and 390 books pertaining to Masonry exclusively. In 1890 the collection comprised 8,000 volumes, and as no place could be found suitable for storing them, the library was temporarily abandoned. The Pioneer library was formed later, and headquarters secured in the Board of Trade building on Second South street. Mr. Diehl was appointed librarian again. This was dissolved later, and the books—over 10,000—were presented to the public library, where they are now offered for perusal by its patrons.

SUNDAY EXCURSION
To Ogden Canyon, Oct. 21.
Via D. & R. G. R. R. Leave Salt Lake 10:25 a. m. and 1:45 p. m. Returning, leave Ogden 7 p. m. Fare to Ogden and return, \$1.00. Trout and chicken dinners at the Hermitage.

The ladies of St. Mark's Guild will hold a cake sale at Walker's store Saturday morning.

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H. M. Wells of Highland Boy returned from Salt Lake Sunday with his bride, Miss Alice Rouch, also of Highland Boy.

Mrs. Coel, formerly of camp, visited her sister, Mrs. Dave Cook, during the week. Mr. Nolan, who has been managing the Bingham steam laundry, left for his home in Boise, Ida., Saturday afternoon.

The numerous friends of Mrs. Vertrees and Sam Adams delightfully surprised them last Saturday evening, the occasion being their birthday. The guests stayed until a late hour and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Mrs. Joe O'Neill left Sunday for her home in Bingham Junction after a pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. Vertrees. Mrs. Joseph Boughan, formerly of Bingham, spent Tuesday in camp.

Mr. Irving Wolfe, returned to camp Tuesday, accompanied by her sister, Miss Clyde.

Miss Zina Wilcox of Ohio, who has been visiting her brothers, Roy and Dean Wilcox, during the summer, returned to her home Sunday.

Mrs. Bennett of Bingham Junction visited her daughter, Mrs. Ren Jenkins, during the week.

Mrs. F. E. Straup arrived safely at her parents' home, South Bend, Ind., last Saturday.

Mrs. Nellie Lumde of Denver, who is on her way to Los Angeles for a visit, spent Saturday in camp with her mother, Mrs. Adah Schenck.

Clarence Garland left Saturday for Nevada. Mrs. Garland accompanied him to Salt Lake.

Mrs. Bertie Goodwin returned from a short visit to Ogden Monday.

Miss Edith Woodmansee of Salt Lake was in Bingham Junction the week of Mrs. Harry J. Robinson of Markham, Guich.

The Wednesday night dance at Canyon hall was another of the successes of the fall season.

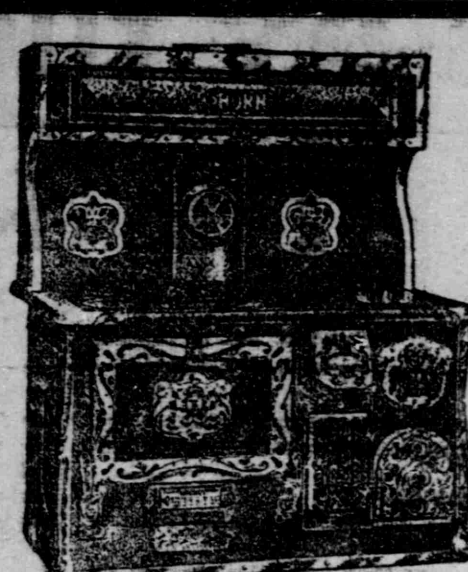
Mrs. Briggs returned to the city Saturday morning.

Mrs. Yell left camp Sunday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ferrie.

Mrs. Baugarten of Salt Lake is in camp in charge of the drug store while A. L. Hollander is spending a few days at the capital.

Miss Alice Fitzgerald is spending a week visiting friends at the capital.

Mrs. Sacket is visiting friends in Provo.



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of Mrs. L. S. Alcock last Thursday and will meet at Mrs. Fred Burson's residence next Thursday.

Thomas Wooligan came down from Butte, Mont., this week to attend the funeral of the late Ed E. Nelson.

Mrs. John E. Herr of Caldwell, Ida., and Mrs. Thiede and Miss Bertha Thiede of Salt Lake City were the guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. August Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Trent.

Ambrose Good and Miss Emerson of Salt Lake were the guests last Sunday of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hense.

Miss Beulah Bacon came out from Salt Lake last Sunday.

Nels Nelson of Council Bluffs, Ia., was in Eureka this week, called here by the death of his brother.

Garland returned from the death of his brother.

Joseph Martindale returned last Tuesday from a visit to his home in Italy.

J. C. Sullivan and family expect to leave shortly for southern California.

Mrs. George Nutter, who has been the guest of Mrs. S. J. Schneider, returned to Salt Lake last Saturday.

Miss Thelma returned last Thursday from a visit to friends in American Fork.

James Webb returned to the capital Tuesday after a few days' visit with relatives.

Joseph Thiriot was out from Salt Lake last Sunday shaking hands with old friends.

George Stackel was a visitor to the capital during the early part of the week. A grand ball and supper will be given next Wednesday by the Eureka Athletic association for the purpose of helping to wipe out the indebtedness of the organization. A good committee is now in active work upon the arrangements and a success is already assured.

Secret Societies.
A hall that was a grand success in every way was given by Silver City, No. 217, F. O. E., of Eureka, last Monday evening at Odd Fellows hall. The feature of the dance was the part of the decorators. A. J. Manders, construction superintendent for the Independent Telephone company, who is also a member of the order, attended to this part of the work and he and his men, all good Eagles, worked overtime, and the result was something never before equaled in Eureka. The hall was festooned with red, white and blue bunting and hung with lights of the same colors. Two large eagles were loaned by the Salt Lake aerie to aid in the decorations, and the effect was superb. Refreshments were served in the rear of the hall and everyone voted the affair a surprise as well as a success.

The Knights of Pythias of Mammoth will give a Halloween dance next Thursday at Hassell's hall in the upper town. The committee in charge is composed of the following gentlemen: C. Salisbury, E. Moulton, C. C. Chanders, Sterling Hardy, James Glenn, J. N. Peel and Thomas Morby.

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